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Delivered from Darkness—Transferred to the Son

Bible Reference: Colossians 1:1-14

When I think of “transfers” I think of hospitals. You might think of airplanes, or something else exchanging hands or places, but in my profession this term is used when I’m visiting people in hospitals or rehabs facilities. Every new room, or transfer, is a challenge. The more familiar I become with a hospital, the easier it is to find someone when they’ve been moved. I’d love it if I knew the room where someone was going, and it would be especially cool if I knew that room was an amazing place the person would get to experience.

Have you ever been in place that you just wanted to be transferred out of? Maybe it was a hospital room or an airplane that was not good? Perhaps it was a city that you didn’t love, or a house you couldn’t stand? It could have been a car you didn’t like and wanted to get out of, or even a habit you wished you could just change?

Well, I have good news. Our Scripture reading this week says we’ve been transferred from the domain of darkness to the kingdom of the Son! I don’t know how that sounds to you, but to me the kingdom of the Son sounds like an awesome room! I’ll transfer there anytime, no matter where I’m at. This Sunday we will baptize little Lilly, and watch as she is transferred to God’s kingdom, for that is what happens in Baptism. This is true for all of us as believers in Jesus; we have been transferred from a place of darkness to a place of light, the kingdom of the Son! As the family of believers, we are still called to pray for Lilly, and one another, as darkness lurks around us in this world. But praise be to God that we can be confident knowing we have been transferred to the kingdom of God!

God's Peace,
Pastor Will